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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY FACILITIES

REF: MILAN 994 AND PREVIOUS

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT ALL OFFICES OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY LOCATED IN ITALY HAVE BEEN CLOSED PURSUANT TO ORDERS OF THE ITALIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES. THE ORDERS FOLLOW AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CHURCH'S ACTIVITIES AND THOSE OF THE RELATED DIANETICS CENTERS AND NARCONEN DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT COMMUNITIES. THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE ORGANIZATION MAY BE LIABLE FOR FRAUD, UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, ENTRAPMENT OF THE INCAPACITATED, PHYSICAL ABUSE AND CURRENCY VIOLATIONS. PRESS REPORTS NOTE THAT THE MAGISTRATES ARE BEING CIRCUMSPECT REGARDING THE CASE, BUT AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT

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SINCE 1984, 28 REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

2. AS PER REFERENCED CABLES, DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AT THIS POST IN ADJUDICATING THE MANY VISA

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